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First Smithsonian-Bredin Caribbean Expedition

March - April 1956

86-foot auxiliary schooner Freelance

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Trinidad

- Sta. 1-56. March 9; 8:00-10:00 A. M. Maracas Bay.
Picked off rocks in shallow water. From Rocks at ^{west} end of beach. Low tide.
Nicholson & Schmitt & Chace. surf was bothersome
and 2 fish shrimp
Sta. 2-56. March 9; 8:00 - 10:00 A. M. Maracas Bay
River. collected ^{from} Native fisherman. Fresh water stream
Station 3-56. March 12, Trinidad Yacht Club. From
anchor chain. Schmitt. here from see st 1

Grenada

- Sta. 4-56. March 14. Point Saline. From ^{northeast} Rocks at ~~NE~~ end
10-12 ^{of} of first beach on lee coast. Schmitt &
Chace.
Sta. 5-56. March 14. Point Saline. First beach on lee
coast. Schmitt & Chace.
Cistern 2 p.m. coll. on rocky reef ber ship + yacht club. goes with Sta. 6 & later

Sta. 6-56. March 14. Point Saline. Rocks at ^{southwest} ~~SW~~ end of first beach on lee coast. Schmitt & Chace.

Sta. 7-56. March 14. Grand Anse Beach, outside ~~SE~~ Saint Georges Harbour. Chace.

Sta. 8-56. March 14. Grand Anse Bay outside ~~SE~~ Saint Georges Harbour. From partially exposed conglomerate rock and coral ledge along shore. Schmitt & Chace.

Trans
"off shore"
was it not diving?
Sta. 9-56. March 14. Grand Anse Bay outside ~~SE~~ Saint Georges Harbour. Sublittoral. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 10-56. March 14. Grand Anse Bay outside ~~SE~~ Saint Georges Harbour. Dredged in ^{four meters} ~~8 fathoms~~. Schmitt & Nicholson.

Sta. 11-56. March 14. Outside Saint Georges Harbour. Gift of R. Cowan. *Tern III*

What was this?
Sta. 12-56. March 14. Saint Georges market. Parasites from red snappers. ^{purchased in market} D. V. Nicholson.

Carriacou Island (see also Sta. 19-56)

Sta. 13-56. March 15; 7:00-9:00 P. M. Tyrrell Bay. Light over side ~~at night~~. Schmitt & Nicholson.

Sta. 14-56. March 15; 9:00 P. M. Tyrrell Bay. Light over ^{meters} side of Tern III anchored about 50 yards from Freelance. D. V. Nicholson. (Large red sea-hares abundant here but not at Freelance.)

Sta. 15-56. March 16; 8:00-10:00 A. M. Tyrrell Bay. Submerged timbers from wreck near mangrove swamp. Schmitt & Nicholson.

Sta. 16-56. March 16; 10:00-11:30 A. M. Tyrrell Bay. Outer edge of exposed reef near anchorage (chiefly dead Pocillopora). Schmitt.

inside reef
but mostly outside

Sta. 17-56. March 16; 10:00-11:30 A. M. Sand flats inside reef. D. V. Nicholson.

Union Island (see also Sta. 20-56)

Sta. 18-56. March 16; 5:30 P. M. Off Rapid Point, Chatham Bay. Bredin.

Wellish strong winds {dressed his anchors out

Caught by
Wharf

Carriacou Island (see also Sta. 13-56 to 17-56)

Sta. 19-56. March 16; 8:00-10:00 A. M. Tyrrell Bay. Mangroves on ^{north} ~~the~~ side of Bay. D. V. Nicholson.

Union Island (see also Sta. 18-56)

Sta. 20-56. March 17; 7:00 A. M. Chatham Bay. Bottom sample from ^{five meters} ~~3 fathoms~~. Schmitt.

Tobago Cays

Sta. 21-56. March 17; 11:00 A. M. - 1:00 P. M. ^{West} ~~E~~ (lee) side of Baradal. Under stones and in coral rock at low tide. Schmitt & Chace.

Island?

Sta. 22-56. March 17; 11:00 A. M. - 1:00 P. M. ^{West} ~~E~~ (lee) ^{one meter} side of Baradal. (In coral rock from ~~3 feet~~). D. V. Nicholson.

From

Sta. 23-56. March 17; 11:00 A. M. - 1:00 P. M. ^{West} ~~W~~ (lee) ^{one meter.} side of Baradal. In sponges from ~~3~~ feet.

D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 24-56. March 17; 1:00 P. M. ^{West} ~~W~~ (lee) side of Baradal. ^{one meter.} In loggerhead sponge from ~~3~~ feet. D. V.

Nicholson.

Sta. 25-56. March 17; 11:00 A. M. - 1:00 P. M. ^{West} ~~W~~ (lee) side of Baradal. In sand among coral rocks ^{one meter.} in ~~3~~ feet.

Sta. 26-56. March 18. Off reef at ~~S.W.~~ ^{Southwest} end of Petit Rameau. From lobster trap set overnight. Crew.

Sta. 27-56. March 18; 7:15 A. M. Anchorage ^{Southwest} ~~S.W.~~ of Petit Rameau. Bottom sample from ^{five meters.} ~~3~~ fathoms. Schmitt.

Mustique

Sta. 28-56. March 18; 3:30 P. M. Near middle of narrow part of island. Fiddler crabs numerous in damp sand paths between garden plots. Chace.

Sta. 29-56. March 18; 4:00 P. M. Freshwater pond back of beach below ~~owner's~~ ^{of owner of Mustique.} house. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 30-56. March 19. Off reef near anchorage, lee side of island. ^{set by} From fish trap. Crew. off.

Sta. 31-56. March 19; 8:00 A. M. Anchorage, lee side of island. Bottom sample from ^{five meters.} ~~3~~ fathoms. Schmitt.

Sta. 32-56. March 19; 9:30 A. M. Beach near anchorage, lee side of island. Seine haul. Schmitt, Chace, & Nicholson.

From

Nicholson
19 of 2 Callianassus

2 spring lobsters
1 snail, 1 crab & 1 squirrel

Bostonians live in
beans, long Island
on the sand.

house of
owner of island

Sta. 33-56. March 19; 8:30 A. M. Near anchorage, lee side of island. Dredge hauls. Schmitt, Nicholson, & crew.

Sta. 34-56. March 19; 8:30-10:30 A. M. Off coral reef along shore near anchorage, lee side of island.

(Sublittoral). D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 35-56. March 19; 10:30 A. M. Reef along shore near anchorage, lee side of island. From loggerhead sponge. E. Maingot.

Arr. Bogu at 3:30 p.m.
Left at 6 p.m.

Saint Lucia Island

Sta. 36-56. March 20; 11:30 A. M. Soufrière Bay. Bottom sample from ^{22 meters.} ~~12 fathoms~~. Schmitt.

Sta. 37-56. March 21; 7:00 A. M. Port Castries ^{northwest} ~~NE~~ of harbormaster's office. Bottom sample from ^{seven meters.} ~~4 fathoms~~. Schmitt.

Sta. 38-56. March 21; 11:30 A. M. Marigot Harbour outside lagoon. Seine hauls along shore. Schmitt, Chace, Nicholson, & crew.

Sta. 39-56. March 21; 12:00 M. Marigot Harbour inside lagoon. Seine haul along shore. Chace & crew.

Sta. 40-56. March 21; 12:30 P. M. Near Marigot Harbour. Under stones and debris on land. Schmitt.

Sta. 41-56. March 21; 1:00 P. M. Head of Marigot Harbour outside lagoon. Collected by diving in ^{two meters.} ~~6 feet~~. D. V. Nicholson. (Snapping shrimps associated with sea anemones.)

Sponge not reef (reef is merely lagoon off sponge)
your book not was (is) better

From

Put shrimps ahead of

Sta. 42-56. March 21; 2:30 P. M. Marigot Harbour at entrance
to lagoon. Bottom sample from ^{three meters.} ~~1 1/2 fathoms.~~

Schmitt.

Sta. 43-56. March 21; 6:30 P. M. Pigeon Island. Buried
in sand in surf. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 44-56. March 22; 7:00 A. M. Pigeon Island. Megalops
occurring in pink windrows along beach. Chace.

Sta. 45-56. March 22; 7:00 A. M. Between Pigeon Island and
main Island. ^{Fish rich} Seined ~~by~~ natives. Purchased from

Sta. 46-56. March 22. Pigeon Island. Purchased from
natives.

Sta. 47-56. March 22; 9:00-11:00 A. M. Reef off Pigeon
Island. Collected by diving in ^{one-half to three meters.} ~~4-10 feet.~~
D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 48-56. March 22. Pigeon Island. Fish trap in ~~4~~ seven
meters fathoms. D. V. Nicholson.

Martinique

Sta. 49-56. March 24; 8:00 A. M. Baie de Fort-de-France.
Bottom sample from ^{seven meters} ~~4 fathoms~~ off the savannah.
Schmitt.

Sta. 50-56. March 24; 7:00-9:30 P. M. Baie de Fort-de-France.
Light over side. D. V. Nicholson.

Dominica

Sta. 51-56. March 25; 2:00 P. M. ^{South} Off ~~E~~ end of island.
From intestine of wahoo. Crew.

11.30 a.m.
Under way for
Fort de France

Why not harbor?

looks off for
Dominica.
6:30-7 a.m.
Mar. 25-76

near Roseau

- Sta. 52-56. March 25; 5:30-6:00 P. M. Woodbridge Bay.
Dredged in ^{four meters.} ~~2 fathoms~~. D. V. Nicholson.
- Sta. 53-56. March 25; 7:00-9:00 P. M. Woodbridge Bay.
Light over side. Schmitt & Nicholson.
- Sta. 54-56. March 26; 8:00 A. M. Woodbridge Bay. Bottom
sample from ^{nine meters.} ~~5 fathoms~~. Schmitt.
- Sta. 55-56. March 26; 3:00-4:00 P. M. N. end of Woodbridge
Bay. From coral encrusted boulders. D. V.
Nicholson.
- Sta. 56-56. March 26; 5:00-5:30 P. M. Woodbridge Bay.
Collected by diving in ^{two meters} ~~6 feet~~ near dock.
D. V. Nicholson.
- Sta. 57-56. March 26. Fresh Water Lake. From bromeliads. ^{at}
Clarke.
- Sta. 58-56. March 27; 5:00 P. M. Woodbridge Bay. Col-
lected by diving in ^{four meters.} ~~2 fathoms~~. D. V. Nicholson.
- Sta. 59-56. March 28; 9:25 A. M. Off Layou River. Bottom
sample from ^{11 meters.} ~~6 fathoms~~.
- Sta. 60-56. March 28; 12:00-12:30 P. M. Prince Rupert Bay.
Dredged in ^{27-40 meters.} ~~15-22 fathoms~~.
- Sta. 61-56. March 28; 2:30-3:00 P. M. Prince Rupert Bay.
Dredged in ^{11-27 meters.} ~~6-15 fathoms~~.
- Sta. 62-56. March 28; 4:00-5:00 P. M. North end of Prince
Rupert Bay. From coral encrusted rocks in
^{one and one-half meters.} ~~5 feet~~. D. V. Nicholson.

Schmitt
left off
Want no collectors.

Sta. 63-56. March 28. West Cabrit, Prince Rupert Bay.
Clarke.

Sta. 64-56. March 28; 8:45-9:30 P. M. Prince Rupert Bay.
Light over side at anchorage in ^{seven meters.} ~~4 fathoms.~~
D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 65-56. March 29; 6:40 A. M. Prince Rupert Bay.
Bottom sample from ^{seven meters.} ~~4 fathoms.~~ Schmitt.

Guadeloupe

Sta. 66-56. March 29; 3:30 P. M. Off Pointe de La Verduce,
southeast of Pointe-à-Pitre. Dredged in ¹⁸ ~~10~~
~~meters.~~
fathoms.

Sta. 67-56. March 29; 7:00-9:00 P. M. Pointe-à-Pitre.
Light over side at anchorage in ^{five and one-half meters.} ~~3 fathoms.~~
D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 68-56. March 30-31; 9:30 A. M. - 1:00 P. M. Pointe-
à-Pitre. Sandy mud flats between Îlet à
Monroux and Îlet Rat. Chace & Nicholson,

Sta. 69-56. March 30-31; 9:30 A. M. - 1:00 P. M. Îlet
Rat, off Pointe-à-Pitre. From exposed reef
and submerged weedy rocks. Schmitt.

Sta. 70-56. March 31; 12:30-2:00 P. M. Pointe-à-Pitre.
Dead coral flat east of Îlet à Cochons.
Chace, Nicholson, and crew.

Island

Antigua, (see also Sta. 93-56 to 95-56)

Sta. 71-56. April 1; 12:00 M. "South Bank," ^{28 Kilometers} ~~15 mi.~~
southeast of English Harbour. ^{start} Caranx lugubris
taken on hook and line in ^{73 meters.} ~~40 fathoms.~~ on

Sta. 72-56. April 2, 4, 8; 10:00 A. M. English Harbour.

Along dockyard sea wall. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 73-56. April 2; 1:00-6:00 P. M. Charlotte Point

(= Nutting's "Rocky Point"), English Harbour.

Schmitt, Chace, Nicholson, & crew.

Sta. 74-56. April 3; 2:30-3:30 P. M. Tank Bay, English

Harbour. Seine hauls on mud bottom; ^{and from} under

rocks and oyster bar; along beach. Schmitt;

Chace, Nicholson, & crew.

Sta. 75-56. April 3; 3:30-5:00 P. M. Freeman's Bay, English

Harbour. From seine hauls and diving in

shallow water. Schmitt, Chace, Nicholson,

& crew.

Sta. 76-56. April 4; 8:00 A. M. English Harbour. Medusae

(few with hyperiid amphipods, most without)

numerous along dockyard sea wall. Chace &

Nicholson.

Sta. 77-56. April 4; 12:30 P. M. English Harbour, From

ship fender along dockyard sea wall.

Sta. 778-56. April 4; 3:00 P. M. English Harbour. Dredged

^{five and one-half meters.}
in ~~3~~ fathoms.

Sta. 79-56. April 4; 3:30 P. M. Outside English Harbour.

^{seven meters.}
Dredged in ~~4~~ fathoms.

Sta. 80-56. April 4; 4:00 P. M. English Harbour. From

wreck of iron ship Ordnance Bay.

reef &
shallow water coll
all afternoon.

[also collections
from under
bracket additions]

Sta. 81-56. April 4; 3:45 P. M. Commissioner's Bay,
English Harbour. From fragment of wooden
piling.

Sta. 82-56. April 4; 4:30-5:15 P. M. English Harbour.
From bottom of yacht Native Dancer anchored
in Harbour for several months. D. V. Nichol-
son.

Sta. 83-56. April 4, 8, 9; 8:30-9:30 P. M. English Harbour.
Collected with flashlight along dockyard sea
wall. Chace & Nicholson.

got lot of
Stenopus.
+ 2 lge drimids
+ sponges

Barbuda

Sta. 84-56. April 5; 7:00-8:30 P. M. Off Oyster Pond Landing,
west side of island. Light over side at
five and one-half meters.
anchorage in ~~3~~ fathoms. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 85-56. April 6; 9:30^{A.M.}-12:00^A M. West shore of lagoon
near Oyster Pond Landing. Schmitt, Chace,
Nicholson, & crew.

Sta. 86-56. April 6; 10:00 A. M. Near Oyster Pond. Clarke.

Sta. 87-56. April 6; 3:30 P. M. Near east shore of lagoon.
Mud and coral flat. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 88-56. April 6; 4:00 P. M. Lagoon. Taken with lobsters
from native fagot pile.

Sta. 89-56. April 6. Near lagoon. Chace & Clarke.

Sta. 90-56. April 6; 8:30-9:30 P. M. Off Oyster Pond
Landing. Light over side at anchorage in
five and one-half meters.
~~3~~ fathoms. D. V. Nicholson.

What?

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Sta. 91-56. April 7; 6:30 A. M. Off Oyster Pond Landing.
 Bottom sample from ^{five and one-half meters} ~~3 fathoms~~ at anchorage.

Schmitt.

Sta. 92-56. April 7; 11:30^{A.M.}-12:00 ^{off} ~~M.~~ Martello Tower,
 south coast of island. Offshore reefs.

Schmitt, Chace, & Nicholson.

Island

Antigua_A (see also Sta. 71-56 to 83-56)

Sta. 93-56. April 8; 12:15 P. M. Off Great Bird Island.

Parasites (?) from flesh, especially above
 eye, of Caranx latus caught trolling in ¹⁶ ~~8~~
^{meters.}
 fathoms.

Sta. 94-56. April 9; 5:00 P. M. English Harbour. From
 bottom of yacht Mercy Marsden docked in
 Harbour for two or ^{more} ~~three~~ years. D. V. Nichol-
 son.

Sta. 95-56. April 9; 6:00 P. M. English Harbour. E.
 Staniland.

Redonda

Sta. 96-56. April 10; 3:00-5:00 P. M. Lee side of island.

From Among wave-lashed rocks. Schmitt.

Sta. 97-56. April 10; 3:00-5:00 P. M. Off lee side of
 island. Fish caught on bottom in ^{73 meters.} ~~40 fathoms.~~

Nevis (see also Sta. 105-56)

Sta. 98-56. April 11. Charlestown. Bought from fishermen.

Sta. 99-56. April 11; 2:00-3:00 P. M. Charlestown. Col-
lected at surface and by diving to bottom in
five meters
~~16 feet~~ at anchorage. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 100-56. April 11; 3:00 P. M. Charlestown. Bottom
seven meters
sample from ~~4 fathoms~~ at anchorage. Schmitt.

Sta. 101-56. April 11. Charlestown. Bought from native.

Saint Christopher

Sta. 102-56. April 12; 1:30 P. M. Windward beach opposite
Frigate Bay. D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 103-56. April 12; 1:30-3:30 P. M. Windward beach
opposite Frigate Bay. Coral reef, just off
shore. Schmitt, Chace, & Nicholson.

Sta. 104-56. April 12; 8:00-8:45 P. M. Basseterre. Light
seven meters
over side at anchorage in ~~4 fathoms~~. D. V.
Nicholson.

Nevis (see also Sta. 98-56 to 101-56)

Sta. 105-56. April 11; 11:00 A. M. Nevis Peak. From
600 meters
bromeliads at ~~2,000 feet~~. Clarke.

Saba Bank

Sta. 106-56. April 13; 5:30-6:30 P. M. Dredged in *13 meters*
~~7 fathoms~~
at 17° 28' N., 63° 13' W.

Sta. 107-56. April 13; 7:00-8:30 P. M. Light over side, in
13 meters
~~7 fathoms~~. D. V. Nicholson.

Depth

What
Fish?

Fish?

What

Sta. 108-56. April 13; 9:30-10:45 P. M. Six mi. NW by $\frac{1}{2}$ N
from Sta. 106-56. Light over side in ~~30~~ 55
meters.
fathoms. D. V. Nicholson. *Depth*

Virgin ~~Islands~~ Gorda

Sta. 109-56. April 14; 6:00 P. M. ~~Gorda Sound~~ Off Vixen
Point, Prickly Pear Island. Bottom sample
15 meters
from ~~8 fathoms~~ at anchorage. Schmitt.

Sta. 110-56. April 14; 8:00-8:30 P. M. ~~Gorda Sound~~ Off
Vixen Point, Prickly Pear Island. Light
15 meters.
over side at anchorage in ~~8 fathoms~~. D. V.
Nicholson.

Sta. 111-56. April 15; 7:45 A. M. & 5:30-6:30 P. M. Vixen
Point, Prickly Pear Island. Along beach with
much Pocillopora. Schmitt, Chace, & Nicholson.

Sta. 112-56. April 15; 9:30-11:30 A. M. Colquhoun Reef at
entrance to ~~Gorda~~ *North* Sound. Schmitt, Chace, &
Nicholson.

Sta. 113-56. April 15; 10:30-11:30 A. M. Northeast end of
Mosquito Island. Along shore. D. V. Nichol-
son.

Sta. 114-56. April 15; 4:30 P. M. ~~Gorda Sound~~ *Off Vixen Point, Prickly Pear Island.*
Caught on
15 meters.
hook and line at anchorage in ~~8 fathoms~~. Crew.

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## Tortola

Sta. 115-56. April 16-17; 8:00-8:45 P. M. Road <sup>Harbor.</sup> ~~Bay, Tortola.~~  
 Light over side at anchorage in <sup>11 meters</sup> ~~6 fathoms~~.

D. V. Nicholson.

Sta. 116-56. April 17; 8:20 A. M. Road <sup>Harbor.</sup> ~~Bay, Tortola.~~  
 Bottom sample from <sup>nine meters</sup> ~~5 fathoms~~ at anchorage  
 off administrator's house. Schmitt.

Sta. 117-56. April 17; 2:00-4:00 P. M. Reef off Burt Point,  
 Road <sup>Harbor.</sup> ~~Bay, Tortola.~~ Schmitt, Chace, & Nicholson.

From